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CYLINDRICAL DRUM SUPPORT DEVICE

TITLE OF INVENTION

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- 1. The co-inventor, Pierre METTAVANT, of the above-identified application is deceased.
- 2. Pierre METTAVANT was a citizen of France, residing at 176/20 rue Paul Salengro, 59260 Hellemmes-Lille, France.
- 3. The sole heirs of the Pierre METTAVANT are:

Guillaume METTAVANT, residing at 176/20 rue Paul Salengro, 59260 Hellemmes-Lille, France

Stephanie METTAVANT, residing at 176/20 rue Paul Salengro, 59260 Hellemmes-Lille, France.

- 4. Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT have signed the Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application in their capacity as the sole heirs of the deceased inventor, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.42.
- 5. Proof of authority of Guillaume METTAVANT and Stephanie METTAVANT will be filed in the application before the grant of a patent, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.44.

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